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To: School Administrators

Subject: ePeGS Rollout and Workshops

As many of you already know, the Department has spent the last year planning and designing the new Electronic Planning and Electronic Grants System (ePeGS) application. Many of you have been involved in planning meetings, system testing and other roles. The purpose of ePeGS is to create:

- A Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) that covers the needs of all programs.
- A grant application system that is tied to the district's CSIP plan.
- A cohesive system where grants from multiple systems may be planned and applied for in an integrated manner.

The planning tool is now available to LEAs. Schools may use the 2008-2009 school year to complete the planning section which attaches strategies to the applicable plans and funding sources. The funding applications for Perkins Tech Prep Grant, Perkins Basic Grant-Secondary, Perkins Basic Grant-Post Secondary, and Special Education Part B Entitlement Grant are available for the 2008-2009 school year. Other funding applications will not be available until the 2009-2010 school year.

A series of workshops to review the planning portion of ePeGS has been scheduled from July 14 through August 27. (See full schedule below.) If there is enough demand, there will be two workshops each day. Morning sessions will be from 9:00 a.m. to noon; the workshop will be repeated from 1:00-4:00 p.m. The workshops should be of interest to any school district personnel who have responsibility for improvement planning.

The online registration system, My Learning Plan, is the only place where attendees will be able to register for this workshop. If a session is full, you will have the option to choose another session or be added to a waiting list.

More information about ePeGS is available at <http://dese.mo.gov/epegs/> If you have questions, please contact Bette Morff at 573-751-8280 or Bette.Morff@dese.mo.gov

“Planning With ePeGS” Workshop Schedule

“Planning With ePeGS” will introduce you to the DESE’s online Electronic Planning and Electronic Grants System (ePeGS). The ePeGS planning tool is now ready for districts to use. This workshop will emphasize the importance of improvement planning, explain the expectations and requirements for the use of ePeGS, and walk participants through the components of the planning tool.

Registration is now open through “My Learning Plan.” Here is how to register:

- On the homepage of the DESE Web site choose “Leadership Academy” from the menu list on the right side of the page.
- On the Leadership Academy page, choose “My Learning Plan” from the menu under “How Do I Find.”
- From the “Program” menu, choose “DESE – Department Wide.” That will take you to the Planning With ePeGS Workshops. Click on “Search Catalog.”
- You may choose a morning or afternoon workshop at the following 11 locations.

July 14	West Plains School District Administrative Center, 613 West First
July 15	Rolla Rolla Public Schools Board Room, 500a Forum Drive
July 22	Warrensburg UCM Student Union, Room 236
July 29	Hannibal Hannibal High School Library, 4500 McMasters Ave.
July 30	Moberly Moberly High School Library, 1625 Gratz Brown Road
July 31	St. Joseph Troester Media Center, 3401 Renick St.
Aug. 7	St. Louis St. Louis RPDC, 8225 Florissant Road
Aug. 12	Webb City SW Center, 528 Ellis St.
Aug. 13	Springfield Library Center, 4653 South Campbell
Aug. 20	Kansas City KC RPDC, Union Station, 30 West Pershing Rd.
Aug. 27	Sikeston SEMO, Sikeston Campus, Hwy. 61 No